

Appln. No. 10/759,262
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REMARKS

Restriction has been required to one of the inventions of claims 1-21, drawn to a self-valving vacuum distribution system and a sheet-actuated vacuum assisted sheet conveyor (classified in Class 271/108); and claims 22-25, drawn to a method for vacuum assisted transfer of sheets delivered in serial spaced relation (classified in Class 271/194).

The Examiner has found the inventions to be distinct because the process can be practiced by another materially different apparatus, namely, the process can be practiced by any apparatus that performs the claimed sequence of process steps as set forth in claims 22-25.

Applicants have elected claims 1-21 for further prosecution and the election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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